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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director - Comptroller

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SUBJECT : Project [REDACTED]

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1. The [REDACTED] Project is designed to acquire hitherto [REDACTED]

by employing a synchronous ELINT satellite. This vital data will [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In accordance with USIB direction we have proceeded to investigate this collection technique, and are coordinating our efforts with other interested agencies.

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2. The missile propulsion, control, and associated flight operations required for [REDACTED] have been demonstrated to be within the state-of-the-art. Studies by DD/S&T of the signal aspects of the [REDACTED]

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3. In addition to its technical feasibility, two unique operational aspects of [REDACTED] make it especially attractive: the project is not dependent on the cooperation of other governments, and the cost of the Project is considerably less than the current annual costs of peripheral [REDACTED] collection.

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4. Approval is requested of the expenditures now required for the next phase of the project in which the total system will be specified and a Production Contractor will be selected, prior to building the [REDACTED]

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5. It is estimated that [] will be required for [] in FY 1965. Of this amount, [] can effectively be used now if sufficient FY 1964 year end funds are available, and a minimum of [] is required now to initiate detailed studies and prevent program schedule slippage. It is evident that management of this program, whose total cost is estimated to be [] will require some increase in personnel, but the [] management plan has been designed to hold this increase to a minimum.

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APPROVED:

Executive Director - Comptroller

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